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- 1) Interview Summary
- 2) Appendix A - Amended Claims

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hickman et al. Examiner: LE, Dieu Minh T.  
Serial No.: 08/798,703 Group Art Unit: 2184  
Filing Date: 02/12/97  
For: **Method and Apparatus for Controlling a Computer Over a Wide Area Network**

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was held on March 8, 2006 between the Examiner and the Applicant at the Examiner's invitation. Present were Dieu Minh T. Le and Paul L. Hickman. During the interview, the scope of claim 1 was discussed. Applicant stated his position that claim 1 and, in fact, all of the pending claims, were patentable over the art of record. However, solely for the purpose of expediting the issuance of this long-pending application, Applicant agreed to allow the Examiner to add the limitations of claim 26 to claim 1 and the other independent claims. Applicant's agreement to the Examiner's amendments is made with traverse and without limitation or estoppel with respect to this, parent, sibling, cousin, child and other related applications. Applicant expressly reserves the right to submit these and other claims in continuing applications.

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The Examiner indicated during the interview that she had reviewed the prior art and arguments in related applications (e.g. USSN 60/012,905; 08/798,702; 08/798,704; 08/799,787; 08/808,882; 08/810,620; 08/810,679; 09/690,182; 10/193,738; and 11/079,932) including those related applications that were or are on appeal. Applicant offered to submit a supplemental IDS with the references cited in the related cases, but the Examiner stated that a supplemental IDS was not necessary as she had considered the art in the related cases and believed it to be either cumulative or non-material to the present application.

The Examiner also requested that claims 36 and 41 be rewritten in independent form. Applicant does so with traverse and without limitation or estoppel, again solely to expedite the issuance of this application. Also, minor errors (e.g. antecedent basis) have also been corrected by this amendment. Applicant respectfully submits that the above-mentioned amendments to the claims are not narrowing amendments for the purpose of patentability but, rather, are clarifying corrections.

The Examiner requested that Applicant e-mail this Interview Summary Record as a Word document to facilitate her entry of the Examiner's Amendment. Attached hereto as Appendix A are the claims with the amendments suggested by the Examiner. Any additional fees, including claim fees, can be charged to Applicant's deposit account 503539, Ref. NEO1P010.

All claims being deemed patentable, Applicant respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance. Should there be any questions, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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